

Amendment to Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Withdrawn).

Claim 2. (Withdrawn).

Claim 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A building method comprising
furnishing a column-and-beam building frame possessing a load-bearing portion

which is defined by nodally interconnected columns and beams, where at least one column is formed as a hollow, tubular structure,

providing in the at least one column, substantially immediately above a nodal connection between the mentioned one column and a beam, an upper-end utility region which extends above and beyond the frame's load-bearing portion, and which region terminates in a nominally open, upwardly facing mouth which opens to the hollow interior of the at least one column to define therewith a utility port, and then

employing the defined utility port for the stabilized insertion, reception and use of a building construction-extension instrumentality selected from the list consisting of (a) an installable/removable crane structure, (b) a column-like element provided for the addition of selected building superstructure, and (c) additional building infrastructure feedable downwardly through said port toward a selected elevation in said building structure.

Claim 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 3 which additionally comprises providing furnishing the mentioned building frame with more columns each of which is

formed as a hollow, tubular structure, are like the mentioned at least one column, and providing in each of those more columns upper-end utility regions.

Claim 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 4, wherein, with respect to the reception and use of installable/removable crane structures as accommodated by the presence of plural, provided utility ports, utilizing such ports to enable a construction-extension practice where one installed crane structure which is installed in one utility port may be employed is employable to manipulate and install another crane structure in an adjacent utility port.

Claim 6. (NEW) A deployable-crane building method comprising
providing a column-and-beam building frame having elongate, nodally interconnected, upright columns and generally horizontal beams,
providing in at least one of these columns, substantially immediately above a nodal connection between this at least one column and a horizontally extending beam, an open, upwardly facing end,
removeably seating the base of a load-handling crane within the mentioned open column end, and
utilizing the frame of nodally interconnected columns and beams, including the mentioned nodal connection which exists between the at least one column and the mentioned horizontally extending beam, furnishing direct load-bearing support for any such base-seated crane.